

Next Meeting, Monday, May 25, 1970

THE METRO IN FOGGY BOTTOM

About two years ago Mr. Cody Pfanstiehl, Director, Office of Community Services, Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority, spoke before our Association on the planning for the 98-mile, 2.5 billion dollar metro system. On December 9, 1969, Mayor Washington broke ground in Judiciary Square and the Metro began to become a reality.

Our community is directly involved in this undertaking. Plans for the route under Eye Street call for an underground station between 22nd and 24th Streets. Operation of the system is scheduled to begin about mid-1974, with design having recently started and construction due to start in the late fall of 1971, a time virtually upon us.

Mr. Pfanstiehl is an engaging speaker. He is armed with facts and will respond to our questions. We urge you to come and learn about current plans

for the Metro System, its anticipated impact on our Metropolitan Community, the speed with which it will be possible to move to nearby points or remote suburbs, and the specifics of construction and operation along Eye Street.

Also, we have extended to Inspector Zander of Police Headquarters and Inspector Pitts the Second District Commander an opportunity to make a brief presentation of the Department's position regarding the move of the Second District Headquarters from its present location at 2301 L Street. Although the Association recently voted to oppose this move it was felt that the Police Department should be afforded another opportunity to present its view.

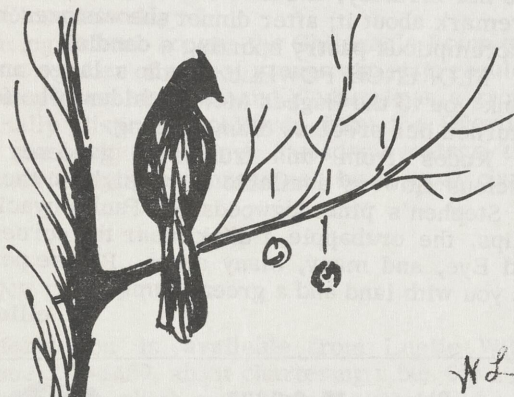
The nominating committee will report on its slate of nominees for Officers and Directors for the 1970-1971 year.

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FIRST DAY OF OPEN WINDOWS!

Come children's voices, bird song and friendly talk from out-of-doors the first day the windows are open after winter. We did not realize how shut in we had been, not just from cold, but from our fellow men when windows were closed. Now comes a different time when week-ends find the streets filled with smiling, walking neighbors and children (where have the children been - we've not seen them all winter long) and cats and dogs all, all enjoying the splendid spring-time.

And the English poet, Thomas Nash, tells us how he felt about it in the sixteenth century -

The fields breathe sweet, the daisies kiss our feet,
Young lovers meet, old wives a-sunning sit,
In every street these tunes our ears do greet,
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-wit-to-woo!
Spring! the sweet Spring!

B.T.W.

WHAT INFLUENCES ZONING BOARD?

It caught us by surprise, a parking lot advancing on our homes. Now, I have lived in the Foggy Bottom area for several years so I know that parking lots have a way of creeping over an entire block, the charming townhouses slowly vanishing as an ugly commercial emptiness advances.

We received a notice in the mail informing us that a hearing would be held on April 15 to rezone part of our block - a triangle bounded by 23rd Street, G Street and Virginia Avenue. Their plan was to expand a small parking lot by removing a house over 100 years old and a service station at the corner.

I found other residents strongly opposed and we drew up a petition. I was one of four people who spoke in opposition to rezoning for a parking lot; two of the others also delivered petitions. I had over 50 signatures of whom 30 are residents of our block. We wanted to see the vintage building Georgetownized and the service station retained. I pointed out that more parking lot means more cars coming into the area, hence more poisonous exhaust gases. The board deferred making a decision until the following Tuesday which, ironically, was virtually Earth Day. The Board ruled in favor of parking lot and pollution. However, we won a partial victory because the Board set some requirements in keeping with our requests for landscaping and other improvements.

Now, with more signatures coming and a possible rehearing on the horizon, I wonder: what DOES influence the Zoning Board and can we keep Foggy Bottom a charming residential area?

Lewis C. Sparks

CHANGES

Change is in the wind in Foggy Bottom, to wit:

1. the freeway controversy
2. the subway
3. re-zoning of the entire city
4. G.W.U. campus plans
5. G.W.U. medical school
6. the Kennedy Center

How about it? Have we got a stake in all this? Come to the meetings, raise the issues, and get some action!

William Buchanan

MAILBOX

April 27, 1970

Foggy Bottom News
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Dear Sir:

Your publication seems to be genuinely concerned about the pollution problem and thus, I feel you could be instrumental in a problem along this line as concerns our area.... Foggy Bottom.

It is high time that something is done about the smoke problem (from the incinerator I believe) of the apartment building located at 925 - 25th St. NW. Very dense, black smoke pours from their chimney several times a day. Since the other buildings in the area do not offend in like manner I feel that better control is needed at that building. I do hope you can take some sort of action. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alice Kochensparger

(Miss) Alice Kochensparger
939 - 26th St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20037

April 28, 1970

Editor
Foggy Bottom News
c/o West end Library
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

This is written in response to Mr. William Buchanan's comments concerning the noisy roof-top heating plant of the new GWU building at 23rd and G Streets, N.W. Living one block away, and facing this building, I have found it difficult to rest at night and have experienced heart palpitations from the noise during the winter months. In January, a neighbor discussed the noise problem with Mr. Roudelbusch, the chief engineer for the University. The neighbor was graciously received, and was told that everything would be done to eliminate the noise factor, even if the heating system had to be redesigned. He gave assurance that the University would take every possible measure to prevent disturbance to the community. He also mentioned that there would be less noise as warm weather approached. Needless to say, the winter months passed without the slightest evidence of improvement.

Now that milder weather is here the engines can still be heard, although they are not so loud. Judging from what the engineer said, the reduction in noise must be due to the system not working at full blast as it did in winter.

It seems that we can look forward to increasing density of noise when winter comes again, unless something is done to bring about action in the meantime.

Thank you for the interest that Mr. Buchanan and the paper have taken in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Virginia A. Craig
Virginia A. Craig
730 - 24th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

FOGGY DOINGS

The Foggy Doer has been doing foggy things, like missing deadlines, having memory lapses, and at times just plain procrastinating.

Hope lots of you saw JERRY SHEEHAN on the St. Patrick's Day "Barber Poll" on NBC; he was the only one asked who gave the correct definition of a shillelagh. They asked others how to spell it, and my bet is that he would have had that right too! (I had to look it up.)

Long-time resident CHARLOTTE EISLER, remembered for her famous FB chamber musicales, is departing on the sea of matrimony. Our very best wishes. ... Eye Street has replaced a doctor with a doctor; DR. TOM MATTHEWS has moved to Northumberland Street, and DR. and MRS. SPIEDEL are the new residents of his house in the 2500 block. ... Missing temporarily from Potomac House (beg pardon, the 25 South) was Engineer HENRY JACKSON, who spent several weeks in the hospital after suffering burns in an accident.

The writer had a most pleasant experience at one of our new advertisers, ADAM'S RIB. The occasion was her birthday, and the waiter must have overheard a remark about it; after dinner she was presented with a scrumptious pastry sporting a candle!

FLORENCE POWELL sends a large and public thank you to the Hughes Mews resident who found and returned her precious diamond ring.

Kudos from this frustrated gardener for the luscious flowers available to my sight in the Bottom. St. Stephen's pink dogwoods; St. Paul's hyacinths and tulips, the crabapple, I think, near the corner of 25th and Eye, and many, many more. Please persevere, all you with land and a green thumb!

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Library hours have changed since last reported. They are:

Adult Services

Weekdays 9:00 - 9:00

Saturday 9:00 - 5:30

Closed Sunday (Note: Some branches are open on Sundays. Call Central for information.)

Children's Room

Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 9:00

Friday and Saturday 9:00 - 5:30

Closed Sunday

During school hours, the Children's Room plays host to a number of school groups who visit regularly. For example, on Mondays and Wednesdays, a group of emotionally disturbed children from the Overbrook school comes in for films. Tuesday evenings, there is a tutorial program organized by a local church.

This coming summer, there will be a weekly film program for all youngsters. Mrs. Flynn would also like to organize a weekly picture-book hour program for pre-schoolers. Parents interested in this activity are invited to call her at 965-1270.

For adults, the film series discontinued this spring will recommence in the fall. And remember, if you are looking for a meeting room for your organization, the library has two pleasant ones available without charge. If you are wondering what to read next, and feel bewildered by the issues facing the 70's, here are a few titles featured in the April book exhibit, "Reading for an Age of Change."

Henry A. Kissinger, The Necessity for Choice:

Prospects of American Foreign Policy

Julian Foster and Durward Long, Protest: Student Activism in America

William Kuhns, Environmental Man

Garrett Hardin (ed.), Population, Evolution and Birth Control: A Collage of Controversial Ideas

Jess Stearn, The Seekers: Drugs and the New Generation

Margaret Mead and Frances B. Kaplan, American Women: The Report of the President's Commission on the Status of Women and Other Publications of the Commission

Martin Esslin, Reflections: Essays on Modern Theatre

After you have finished these, Mr. Elgin and his colleagues can suggest many more!

Catherine Wilder

SKYLINE DRIVE TRIP

Information is available from Leslie Wilder, telephone 333-1459, about chartering a bus for a Skyline Drive trip, which could include a picnic and a walk conducted by a Park Ranger. Any Bottomians interested in organizing such an activity, possibly in June, should contact her for further information.

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Mellonas is now operated solely by Stergios Markopoulos and his brother Niko.

APRIL MEETING

The evening's speaker was Sterling Tucker, Executive Director of the Washington Urban League and Vice-Chairman of the D.C. City Council. Mr. Tucker said the reason he remains in the local league (he has also worked on the national level) is that he thinks it the best vehicle for voluntary action on an interracial basis to attack the problems of urban life. On the local level, he feels, one can get things done and see the results of what happens. He has traveled widely (partly as a U.S. Specialist grantee of the State Department) but has reached the conclusion that peace begins on one's own street, in one's own community.

In the District of Columbia, the Urban League has undertaken to improve employment practices at the Government Printing Office, which Mr. Tucker likened to a plantation in its archaic practices, and in the public utilities like PEPCO. The Urban League was founded to help Negroes coming north to find housing and jobs.

The League is now having its annual membership campaign. It has between 17,000 and 20,000 members and wants to reach 25,000 to show extremists on both Right and Left that a sizable number of black and white Washingtonians believe in nonviolent change.

William Buchanan reported on the progress of the law suit against construction of the Three Sisters Bridge. The Association voted to contribute another \$50 to the suit.

Larry Grant, co-founder of a crafts workshop for the community on the north edge of the Foggy Bottom area, reported that the workshop will open in June in one basement, on 25th Street above Pennsylvania Ave., and hopes to expand into two more that are available. Volunteer professional craftsmen will teach print-making, macrame and other courses, according to the demand. All courses will be free, for any ages, according to the teachers' wishes. They plan to start with 40 students. The workshop has some foundation money and a small staff, and hopes to raise more money in the community through concerts.

Lewis Sparks reported on a zoning hearing he had attended concerning a gas station at 23rd Street and Virginia Avenue that is to be removed for a parking lot. He said he had obtained 52 signatures on a petition against this.

Lucy Briggs

All announcements, letters, articles, etc. are welcome. Send them to:

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Deadline for the next edition is the evening of Monday, JUNE 1

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TALENT WANTED (and NEEDED):

A Willingness to Care

The Circle Children's Club needs you if you are willing to spend two hours on a Saturday afternoon with a child about twice a month this summer, beginning June 27 and ending August 29.

A Saturday recreational program is being planned for the less privileged children in Foggy Bottom, and the planning meeting will be held June 18 at 8:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall of St. Stephen Martyr Church, 25th and Penn.

"If you can be a friend to a child, that's all the talent you need," is the plea of those who are now already involved. If you, too, care to be involved, Marcar van Ogtrop (tel. 676-7361 at work and 737-2081 at home) or Marie Dolan (tel 632-5078 at work and 296-3998 at home) will be most glad to give you more details.



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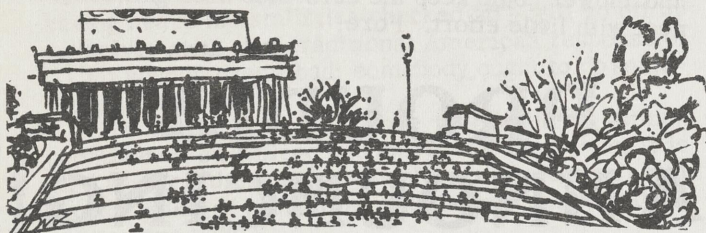
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❖ HIGHLIGHTS ❖

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Music on the river begins on June 1st. The Watergate (by the Lincoln Memorial) concert schedule is below - along with that of the Capitol Steps Concerts. Both schedules are good for all summer. CLIP AND SAVE.

The following programs will begin during the month of June and continue through July and August: **WATERGATE** - held at the Lincoln Memorial, 8:30 P.M. Free.

SUNDAY U.S. Marine Band
TUESDAY U.S. Army Band
THURSDAY U.S. Navy Band
FRIDAY U.S. Air Force Band

CAPITOL STEPS - held on the East Front Plaza Steps of the U.S. Capitol, 8:00 P.M. Free. Opening concert, June 3.

MONDAY U.S. Navy Band
TUESDAY U.S. Air Force Band
WEDNESDAY U.S. Marine Band
FRIDAY U.S. Army Band

Who can forget the 1812 Overture that brought last season's river concerts to a close with a battery of 105 howitzers thundering the finale. Traditionally it's repeated every year on the last concert before Labor Day.

CLOSING THE GAP ON WINGS OF SONG . . .

The concert was poorly attended, but the six choirs performed with the excellence usually inspired only by a capacity crowd. This sums up the presentation on April 19 at St. Stephen Martyr Church by the different Christian churches in the Foggy Bottom area. The hymns each choir sang typified the tradition of the religion they were representing.

Outstanding group that afternoon was St. Paul's Episcopal Church's choir led by Douglas Birchby, especially in their rendition of William Boyce's "Oh, where shall wisdom be found?" The choir, which has 19 boy sopranos, is the oldest men and boys' choir in the Washington area (it celebrated its centennial two years ago) and is credited with having given the Washington Cathedral its first choirmaster.

Works by Beethoven (Hallelujah), Handel (excerpts from the Messiah), Mozart (Ave verum Corpus and De profundis), and Purcell (Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts) were among those presented.

A social hour followed the ecumenical concert.

VIRGINIA AVENUE NOTES

Columbia Plaza foot traffic to Watergate will slow some with the opening of the Columbia Plaza Safeway - scheduled to be a fact by FBNEWS press time. However, more will find their way across the street from Potomac Terrace and from the GW University area east of 23rd St. There is a newly opened Vincent et Vincent, too.

Suzzy Thomas' laughter will be missed from the main desk at Columbia Plaza; she is now co-manager of the KAZOO in Georgetown. Francis Carpenter, also of 2400 Virginia Ave., commutes to Westchester County, N.Y. to tend his flower garden there on weekends.

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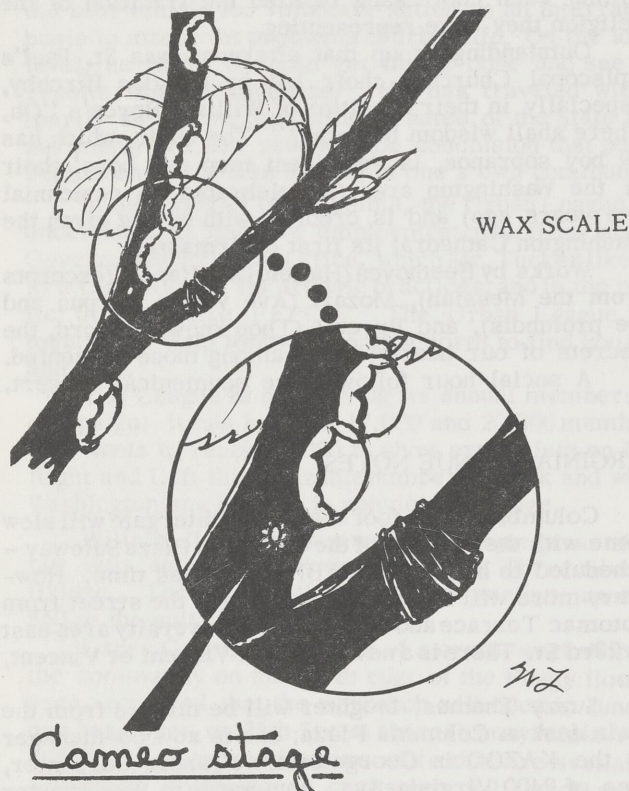


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FOGGY BOTTOM FARMER

Japanese wax scale now doing great damage to Foggy Bottom shrubs and trees can best be killed when the newly hatched insects are first seen by the naked eye - about the 25th of June. The much-enlarged drawing below depicts how they will look - like a cameo with wax-like beads along the periphery.



Right now, however, control can begin by scraping off the chalk-like egg cases where practicable. Also, trimming out excess branches will help the June 25th spraying to completely cover the twigs and branches. This is a MUST as the insects cling to the branches only - NOT to the leaves. The spray is Malathion or Diazinon (Spectracide) at two teaspoons per gallon of water completely covering the bark, branches and twigs repeated weekly for 3 weeks.

Some shrubs are so completely covered with egg cases that they will never again become healthy plants. They are a threat to other plantings and should be removed and destroyed at once. Some of the worst infestations are on plants at the rear of the Elise Apts. on 24th St., near 950 25th St., on Pennsylvania Ave. and over the garage entrance to Watergate.

One Foggy Bottom resident, proud of our door-

yard gardens, phoned deploring the practice of leaving rakings and clippings in the street instead of in the residence trash cans. I agreed and asked about the practice on some streets of not mowing the grass between the sidewalk and curb. Some seem to wait for the City to mow; and others, he thought, shun the prospect of lawnmower blades and canine calling cards.

This whole problem of the area between the sidewalk and the curb could be solved cooperatively on a block basis. One enterprising boy with shovel, pail and mower could keep the curb-side area golf course neat with little effort. Fore!

WSLattin

PROUDLY ANNOUNCING!

Miss Amy Anderson wishes to announce that she and her new mother, Barbara, have recently left Columbia Hospital for Women, on the north edge of Foggy Bottom, where she entered the world, weighing eight and a quarter pounds.

Amy is receiving visitors at her parents' home, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., where both mother and daughter are in excellent condition.

Miss Anderson's father, Robert L., is a former editor of the "Happy Hollow" News.

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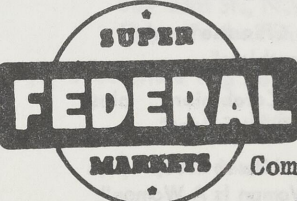
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ARE WE WILLING?

One phenomenon we are being made increasingly aware of, and especially during this past month have heard much about, is the problem confronting our country and indeed the world, the problem of environmental pollution, the spoiling of our earth.

Perhaps the greatest danger in all of this is that we will fail to consider it that much of a danger - and having heard the statistics checked off - will go off by ourselves with that traditional American response of "That sounds pretty bad; somebody ought to do something about that."

We might feel that since this issue is gaining prominence on college and university campuses, it is just another thing young people are protesting about for the sake of protesting, and there's really nothing too serious here.

But there is something here. Scientists, ecologists, anthropologists, biologists are pointing to natural disasters that have already occurred - rivers and lakes that have biologically died, air over industrial centers which is no longer fit, once plentiful wildlife that has disappeared from many scenes.....

We must go beyond that approach of leaving the work to somebody else. We have all contributed toward the fouling of our homes. We must all be ready to give toward its improvement.

And so we are called basically to have a change of view, a change of attitude. We cannot condemn industry for polluting our water and sky and yet keep demanding of that industry that it continue to produce more than we can buy and use more and more.

We also have to learn to see ourselves as a part of that vast variety of wonderful things that make up God's creation. We consider ourselves as human beings to be superior, masters, yet we dare not consider ourselves to be apart from the others. We may indeed have a longer and more productive life than the microscopic organism tumbling through a drop of pond water. But that tiny cell has its place and its purpose, and for us to forget that, to forget our dependency and relation to other things living and non-living, is to lean toward upsetting the delicate balance God has woven into nature.

Perhaps we all need a better vision of what God has called us to as lives on this earth. We need to be aware not only of each other, but of all others. God has called us to fit into a scheme of life with other living things, not to stand outside it and pay no attention to what happens to his other creatures. God called us to enjoy it, but also to protect and preserve it, and maybe to slow down, hold back, deny ourselves, if we begin to infringe on others.

It seems we will have to change our life-style - be prepared to delay satisfaction; extend and lengthen our outlook to include others, living now and yet to live. We can no longer afford to see life limited to our immediate wants and their satisfaction. We must be prepared to do things that will not show their results until after our lives are over.

There are many of us. We have a seemingly boundless capacity to contaminate. But we are not dealing in boundless and infinite categories here. The dimensions of our earth are quite finite, measured, and limited. Those who live with us here have rights too. Every time we throw out a cigarette butt, a gum wrapper, we add to the ugliness of someone else's

life. Have we a right to do that? Every time we carelessly, or intentionally, throw something away, we may well ask ourselves the question, "When, where, in what form shall I meet that again?"

Jesus worked a miracle to change the action of the wind and the water. We have no right to expect Jesus to appear and personally work those healing miracles on our nature today. That responsibility is ours - to use our skills, our intelligence, our will (and it will have to be strong), to improve and save our environment. Perhaps our prayer on this beautiful day should be that we will all have the courage to work, to insure there will be future days of like beauty.

Father Edward J. McCarthy

LAND GRAB

On April 2nd, the NCPC approved the Second Year Action Plan which calls for the acquisition by the RLA of properties on the four blocks abutting the 12th & G METRO CENTER. The 126 businessmen affected were not informed, however, until in mid-April an interested citizen told them their properties would be dealt away to big developers after a hearing scheduled on May 21st. Stores include Jordan Piano, Howard Clothes, Peking Restaurant, Soul Shack, Rosendorf-Evans Furs, Beef Feeders Restaurant, Reeves, Saks, Sloan's, Ritz Cameras, S. Kriger, and many others. These businessmen know that in the past urban renewal has meant death to small businesses. They value their locations and the good will of their customers. Given the subway, parking rates that encourage shoppers, not commuters, and their own valuable land, they are quite capable of developing the downtown themselves.

Five questions come to mind:

1. Why did the newspapers remain silent on this explosive issue until May 5th?
2. Why were the affected businesses not consulted?
3. With urban renewal projects under-funded in a city whose 14th St., H St., and Shaw urban renewal areas desperately need renewal, who can justify purchasing viable businesses at the METRO's hub to assemble land for big developers?
4. If eminent domain can be used in such an indiscriminate manner, what defense does any neighborhood have against it?
5. What ever happened to America's high regard for the small business?

William Buchanan



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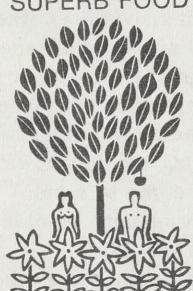
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LIFE'S A CONTINUAL "CLEAN-UP", "GREEN-UP" DAY

Our thanks and compliments to the Immaculate Conception Academy for gathering the debris from its lawn and for keeping their grounds neat and clean. Likewise, appreciation to George Washington University for cleaning its parking lots from H Street to the Circle and 23rd to 24th and New Hampshire. (But they are becoming littered again!) Washington Circle has trees and tulips in full bloom. Its somewhat isolated position is an advantage — for only those wanting to go there do so. During the week nurses from the nearby hospitals and men in business suits sit happily eating their noon-day sandwiches. And Sunday is the best time of all for a stroll and a loaf on a bench in sun or shade with much reduced motor traffic.

A short walking-tour of the Bottom will show great contrasts in garden, lawn and parkway care. Twenty-fifth Street between H and Eye was a pleasure to see with flowers and trimmed grass (except for the grubby parking lot at H and the unkempt Channel House). Twenty-sixth Street was well tended for the most part and all but one parkway was mowed. Howard Johnson's display of dandelions and un-cut grass around its grounded cupola surpassed anything in the Bottom. Eye Street is the gem of our community with each garden, lawn, or terrace showing the imagination and attention of its owner. Foggy Bottom is a good place to live—let's make it LOOK that way, too.



Burton T. Wilson

The annual election of officers for the year 1970-1971 will take place at the Foggy Bottom meeting of June 29. Turn in your nominees for officers to any member of the nominating committee. The committee is composed of Charles Schoenemann, Rev. Richard Martin, Rufus Lisle and Miss Leslie Wilder.

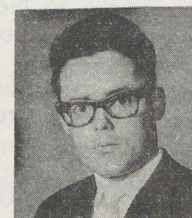
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Socrates wore a mini.

The concert by the D.C. Youth Orchestra, originally scheduled for May 17, was postponed and will, hopefully, be given at a later date.

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